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Aberhart Will Talk On Douglas Plan

Accepts Board of Trade Invitation to Give Lecture in Bassano—Date Not Set

The Douglas plan of social credit will be explained to the people of Bassano by Wm. Aberhart of Calgary, at a meeting to be held in the near future. The date has not yet been selected, but it is expected an announcement will be made soon.

This information was given out at the Board of Trade luncheon-meeting Wednesday by Wm. McLaws, who reported for the public affairs committee. The committee has been negotiating with Mr. Aberhart, staunch protagonist of the Douglas plan, in an effort to arrange a meeting here. Mr. Aberhart has advised the board he will come, and his organization will arrange all details as to organizing and financing the meeting.

Government Will Listen
In connection with the widely discussed Douglas plan of social credit, it is interesting to note that Premier J. E. Brownlee assured a delegation in Edmonton on Wednesday of this week that advocates of the plan would be given every opportunity to present their views to the government at the next session of the legislature. The delegates who waited on the premier did not endorse the Douglas plan, but thought it should be given a hearing.

Dull Meeting
The last meeting before the election of a new slate of officers, the Board of Trade session on Wednesday was a dull affair, with only one more than a quorum present.

Pres. W. K. Webb reported the executive had appointed a nomination committee consisting of A. McKee, W. J. Redmond, and W. S. Playfair. The committee will bring in the names of candidates for the 1934 list of officers at the next meeting. Mr. Webb said all committees would be expected to report their year's work at the next meeting, and the new slate of officers will be elected.

A serial letter from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce requested opinions of board members on the subjects of a "Central Bank," "The Company's Act," "Indirect Relief," and "The Agricultural Marketing Act." Another letter, this from the secretary of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, struck a note of sublime optimism in viewing the outlook for 1934. Its reading was followed by a few moments of silence, the members declining to comment.

ROSEMARY NEWS

ROSEMARY, Jan. 10—Claus Narum, of Majorville, is spending a few days here visiting relatives and friends.

Geo. Sparks of Tilley, visited the MacLeod family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Eastman and family, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Norton, attended the dance at Countess last Friday.

Mrs. C. C. Narum and Miss Cora spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Wm. Jones.

The annual meeting of Rosemary school district will be held in the school on Saturday, Jan. 13.

Mrs. J. Brown was a caller at the Young home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Narum entertained a number of relatives to supper Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Narum's sister, Mrs. Haggart, and Mr. Haggart and children. They visited here for a week, then motored to Medicine Hat for the holidays, and after again visiting here for a few days they returned on Thursday to their home in Ramfury.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tautfest and family, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Cyr and family, and Mr. McHale, spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. P. Gellings.

Geo. Penner spent the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown, John and Margaret, called on Mr. and Mrs. Young Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. McHale and Mrs. Brundrit motored to Brooks Monday. Miss Irene Neufeld was a welcome caller on Miss Lois Ankrum Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Narum returned home Thursday after staying in town for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ankrum and Lois spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. J. Cyr.

Pete Gellings and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tautfest.

FORMER CROWFOOT FARMER DIES AT WANHAM

Word has been received of the death of E. K. (Kle) Metheny, of Wanham, Alta., who died in the Edmonton hospital Thursday, Dec. 28, at the age of 64 years. He never fully recovered from a surgical operation performed last spring. The late Mr. Metheny was a resident of Crowfoot district for a number of years before moving to a homestead near Wanham, a little town in the Peace River district. His Crowfoot friends deeply regret his passing. Deceased is survived by two brothers, William and Raymond, both of Wanham.

Red Devils Outscore Brooks Boys 4 to 1

The Bassano juvenile hockey team (now called the Red Devils) administered a 4-1 beating to the Brooks juvenile team last Friday night at the local rink. It was a fast, wide-open game of hockey, and the crowd of fans were given a treat.

Gordon Smith opened the scoring in the first period, Geo. Stiles getting the assist. In the second period F. Thompson scored on a rebound shot by G. Smith. Stiles counted the Red Devils' third goal on an assist from Rusty Bassarab, and D. Ford netted the fourth on another assist by Bassarab. Kay scored Brooks' only counter.

The Brooks boys had some advantage in weight over the Red Devils. The local lads showed vastly improved form as the result of coaching, and they put on a sparkling display of teamwork. D. Maurer made many sensational saves in the second period, and Rusty Bassarab gave a fine exhibition of stick handling when he kept the play in the visitors' territory while his own team was short-handed. The Red Devils had an advantage in territorial play except for the second period.

Bassano: D. Maurer, E. Angell, W. Marquardt, D. Ford, R. Bassarab, L. Cawsey, F. Thompson, G. Stiles, G. Smith.

Brooks: R. Kay, Nelson, Gareau, Baird, Mackintosh, Gibson, Dalbraith, Kay, Archibald, Samsons, Hanson.

Referee: "Slim" Moorhead.

The return game will be played at Brooks next Saturday, Jan. 13, at 8:45 p.m. The team will leave here at 4:45 o'clock.

The Gleichen Aces play the Red Devils here Friday, Jan. 12, at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

INDIAN TEAM WILL PAY LOCAL INTERMEDIATES

The Blackfoot Indian team, Deerfoot Miners, are scheduled for a game with the Bassano intermediate team Friday night this week, Jan. 12, at the Bassano rink. This promises to be a classy exhibition of hockey, and should attract a large number of fans.

It is planned to put on a game of broomball between two local teams prior to the hockey game.

Reduction In Motor License After March 31

There is no great demand yet for the new motor license plates, reports A. J. Bartlett, local deputy clerk of the court and issuer of motor car licenses. Knowing they will be allowed a few weeks in which to get their 1934 licenses, motorists are in no hurry.

The new license plates are made with bright red letters on a white background.

No Change in License Year
Despite urgent pleas from the Alberta Motor Association that the motor license year end March 31 instead of Dec. 31, the Alberta Government announces there will be no change in the date this year.

Government officials state, however, certain reductions will be allowed to car owners who do not purchase their motor licenses during the first few months of the year.

For those taking out their licenses after March 31 a reduction of 20 per cent in the fee will be allowed, and after June 30 the reduction will be 40 per cent.

In making a public announcement last week, Premier J. E. Brownlee said the regulations with respect to motor licenses fees would be strictly enforced. The premier said, "By this I do not infer that immediately after the new year the police will start their check-up. A date at a reasonable time after the new year will be set; then police throughout the province will start their check-up."

ANOTHER EXTENSION FOR TAX CONSOLIDATION PAYMENTS

A further extension of time for payment under the new tax consolidation scheme is announced by the Alberta government. January 31 is set as the last day on which to make the first payment under the tax payment plan which permits the taxpayer in arrears to keep his taxes in good standing by paying current taxes and at the same time pay off his arrears in six annual instalments.

Continued heavy snow conditions in country districts is given by government officials as the reason for the further extension. This gives six weeks extension from the original date of December 15.

Firemen To Hold Social Evening January 26

Two things the Bassano Firemen do well. One is fight fires; the other is hold an annual social evening that is unsurpassed for genuinely pleasurable entertainment.

We are not concerned with other virtues the firemen may possess, but we do know they do these two things, and do them well. It is well to remember what hospitable hosts the firemen are at their annual social evenings, for their next card party and dance is coming along in a couple of weeks. It will be held on Friday, Jan. 26, in the Masonic Community Hall. It will be the tenth annual event of this kind.

The firemen are now planning the details of their big social night. There will be prizes for the winners (and losers) at whist; the ladies will serve refreshments, and the dance, starting at 11 o'clock, will go on into the wee small hours of the morning. Good music is promised for the dance, and there will be old-time square dances and two steps as well as modern fox trots. It will be a dance for everybody, and a big crowd is expected.

GEM NEWS

GEM, Jan. 10—The New Year dance held in Gem school was an outstanding success, thanks to the peppy music of our local orchestra, composed of Mrs. Standen and B. Keeling, pianists; Fitch Keeling, saxophone; S. James, banjo; C. Marquess, drums.

Mrs. Evans, of Gem, is a patient in the Bassano Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Day, of Beiseker, are expected visitors at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dodds, of the White Farm.

G. Delekman, F. and B. Keeling, C. Vilet, B. Williamson are the members of the committee in charge of the St. Patrick's dance to be held in Gem school. Date and other details will be announced later.

Mrs. E. Jones, who is planning a trip to Calgary, is the expected guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Warren.

F. Williamson enjoyed New Year's dinner with several friends at the old home farm.

Mrs. T. L. Maguire was a Tuesday caller on Mrs. Keeling at the Bassano Hospital, returning to Calgary the same evening.

A slight improvement is reported in the condition of Mrs. Keeling, who has been a patient in the Bassano Hospital for several days.

Hospital Ratepayers Can't Be "In-and-Outers"

Those Who Pay \$6.00 a Year Special Tax Must Pay Every Year—Board Finds Revenue From This Source Falls to Meet Expenses

There are to be no "in-and-outers" on the tax roll of the Bassano Municipal Hospital District, according to a new ruling passed at the hospital board meeting last Saturday.

The "in-and-outers" is the person who pays the special \$6.00 hospitalization tax one year, drops out the next, and comes in again the next year when anticipating need of hospital services.

Under the new ruling which is incorporated in the Municipal Hospitals Act, person's purchasing the annual \$6.00 service ticket must pay every year. If they fail to pay one or more years and then wish to again purchase the annual \$6.00 service ticket, they must also pay all arrears of annual fees.

This ruling also applies to those

HUSSAR NEWS

HUSSAR, Jan. 10—The skating rink will probably be opened by the end of this week. The young men of the village have hauled tank after tank of water to flood it, and now there is quite a respectable sheet of ice. The rink was enlarged in the fall to the full size hockey rink proportions.

The Hussar Athletic Club will give its second bridge party of the year on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Proceeds to be used for the skating rink fund.

Jimmie Treacy left on Saturday to continue his studies at the Olds Agricultural School. Billy Treacy took him to Wayne to catch the train.

Gordon Reeves and Jason Bell motored to Cluny on Tuesday to meet Miss Peggy Reeves, C. Kirby and C. A. Weekes, who were returning after their holidays.

R. E. Snellings managed to make a trip to Wayne for coal on Friday. E. LeGrandeur returned this week from Rocky Mountain House.

Mr. Stewart Bads Williams, of Hussar, and Miss Louise Fels, of Robertson, Alta., were married on Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m., Knox Church, Calgary, with Rev. Dickson officiating. The attendants were Miss Marie Cassels Williams and Mrs. Zella Rolfe and Mr. Albert Rolfe. The bride was given away by Mr. Wm. Hinchelwood, of Calgary. Last Saturday evening the neighbors gathered at the home of A. D. Williams to charivari Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Williams, who returned on Monday to make their home on the farm. A large number gathered to show their good wishes for the future of the popular young couple. Later, the crowd went on to the Atlas school and had a jolly dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Severns and daughter Delaine, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Snyder. Miss Mary Hansen, who spent the holidays in Red Deer, returned to open school on Monday. Miss Eyres, who spent her holidays in Calgary, returned on Sunday and opened school on Monday. There was a jolly party at the Sunny Range school on Friday evening.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. T. Anthony on Thursday.

Those assisting Andrew Hansen in getting up the dance were Mrs. Crough, Mrs. Andrew Brown, Mrs. Slenko, and Mrs. A. D. Williams. Thanks are extended to them and to all who helped.

A.F. and A.M. Officers for 1934 Installed

The elected and appointed officers of Bassano Lodge No. 55, A.F. and A.M., were installed at the monthly lodge meeting last Tuesday evening. Following is a list of the new officers.

W.M.—H. W. Ford
I.P.M.—A. G. Bond
S.W.—W. F. Keith
J.W.—W. S. Weir
Treas.—E. P. Currie
Sec.—H. H. Beeber
Chap.—D. McLeod
S.D.—J. N. Cawsey
J.D.—R. Broadfoot
D.O.C.—H. T. Johnson
S.S.—Wm. McLaws
J.S.—A. I. Young
Reg.—Jas. Johnston
Org.—Jas. R. Donaldson
T.—Chas. Hopkins

The installation ceremony was performed by R. W. Bro. Jas. R. Donaldson, D.D.G.M.

Hosp. Board Needs Three New Members

Two Year Term of Three Members Has Expired—Board Meeting Last Saturday

Three new members are required for the Bassano Hospital board, the two year term of office of E. F. Maurer, P. Powell, and F. N. Bertachy having expired. It is understood the retiring board members are willing to serve another term.

The board meeting held last Saturday dealt with a number of important matters, chief of which was the new ruling affecting the \$6.00 hospital service ticket. A full report of this matter is given elsewhere in The Mail.

Louis Conn was awarded the contract for supplying groceries for the next three months.

A letter was received from the Village of Hussar regarding their hospital assessment on a population basis. It was decided to apportion the taxation rate on a population basis of 110, instead of 151 as given in the last Dominion census.

The following accounts were read and passed for payment:

Bassano Bakery	11.91
J. Hesketh (City Meat Mkt.)	12.65
Farmers' Meat Market	25.75
C. E. Burgeson	3.52
Bassano Mail	5.50
Fisher & Burpe	14.30
Telephone acct.	15.09
Calgary Power Co. Ltd.	64.20
W. J. Redmond	15.41
A. P. Grain Co. Ltd.	63.05
Pay Roll	639.50
Flanagan Bros.	13.50
M. A. MacLean	6.51
Bassano Creamery	30.30
F. W. Horner Ltd.	28.34
Petty Cash disbursements	24.00
Roy Smith	2.75
Dept. of Mun. Affairs	3.75
H. D. Bacon	3.80
Farmers Meat Market	24.16
Geo. Goudie	23.62
C. E. Burgeson	8.32
N. E. Hinton	4.00
Currie & Milroy Ltd.	15.90
Jas. Johnston	45.81
McKee's Stores	4.25
City Meat Market	14.75
Bassano Bakery	14.35
J. H. Stiles	22.82

W. I. Performs Useful Service To Community

Christmas decorations provided a cheery background for the meeting of the Bassano Women's Institute at the home of the president, Mrs. E. Corbett, on the afternoon of Jan. 2.

Numerous letters were read expressing the gratitude of those whom the institute have assisted during the past year, and wishing them continued success in their work. The W. I. does not make public its activities, but all who are interested learn of the benefit this organization is to the community.

The membership, though small, comprises a group of mothers who give of their time and talent to this work the year round. They sew, knit, and embroider throughout the year for their fall sale. They put on teas and sponsor dances, the proceeds being spent in our own community to help those in need, through sickness or distress.

A New Year's resolution to make the organization still more efficient was passed, and it is the desire of the officers to enlarge the membership for 1934.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Murdoch, on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

COUNTESS NEWS

COUNTESS, Jan. 10—C. Hegy, Joe Chabot, Miss McRoberts, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin were unday dinner guests at the Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Cowan and family spent the week-end at Makepeace with relatives.

Those present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Snape of New Year's Day were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McIntosh and Mr. Newman.

John Clynne was elected school trustee at the annual school meeting last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gamble, Donna and Marianne, and Mrs. Sluss spent Sunday at the Chamberlain home in Gem.

A number of Gemites attended the dance Friday evening, although the roads were in a bad condition.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Cowan and family spent New Year's Day with their daughter, Mrs. J. Deans.

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Japan is a never-failing source of concern to the other nations of the world. By a combination of depreciated currency, cheap child labor, and shipping subsidies, she is producing goods at a very low figure and could undersell British-made goods in Lancashire, England, of all places. According to a recent newspaper despatch from London,

Japan could sell men's trousers in Lancashire for 25 cents a pair; fountain pens for 5 cents; khaki shirts for 48 cents; pottery for a few cents per article, and handkerchiefs for 7 cents. A new "yellow peril" threatens Britain, and British business men want something done about it.

"Now that you are 21, you must help with the expenses."
"Yes, dad. What can I do?"
"You can pay the final instalments on your perambulator."

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The suggestion the three prairie governments be consolidated into one legislative body again appears in the day's news, this time from Sir John Aird, president of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, who warns that unless legislative mergers are effected in the prairie and maritime provinces, "taxation will be oppressive, if not intolerable, for many years to come." While such a move would effect economies in government administration, the same result could be achieved without recourse to consolidation. A reduction in the legislative assembly to 15 or 20 members and a consolidation of municipal districts would bring about sweeping economies and operate with a high degree of efficiency. The difficulty is, such measures would have to be brought about by legislative enactment, and it's hard to visualize a body of politicians legislating themselves out of a job.

NEW RULING AFFECTS HOSPITAL RATEPAYERS

This year the Bassano Municipal Hospital District introduces a new ruling regarding the payment of the annual \$6.00 fee for hospitalization. In past years persons have been known to pay the fee one year so as to benefit from the special hospital day-rates; fail to pay next year, and sign up again the third year when they anticipated need of hospitalization.

In future the ratepayer in this special \$6.00 classification must pay every year. They cannot pay one year and drop out the next. If they fail to pay every year and later again seek to come under the \$6.00 annual tax rate, they must pay all "arrears" before they can qualify for the special low hospital fees.

Hospital fees for non-ratepayer patients are \$3.50 a day. The ratepayer is charged only \$1.00 a day. The non-ratepayer can become a ratepayer by paying \$6.00 a year. It is cheap insurance against sickness. Few can afford to be without it.

THE EVER-CHANGING CLIMATE

In these days of ever-changing conditions even the climate (in some parts of the world) is in an unsettled mood.

We are accustomed to think of a country's climate as something fixed. So much annual rainfall, so much annual sunshine, and mean average temperature as so much.

But an investigation of climatic conditions in many parts of the globe reveals that climate is a most unstable thing. Geologists find coal in the Arctic regions. They tell us the coal was formed by dense tropical vegetation in an era millions of years ago when, what is now the Arctic, was a steaming tropical swamp. Fossils of pre-historic monsters are excavated in the badlands of the Red Deer river. The giant reptiles lived along the shores of a sea whose waters never grew cold in the days when earth was young.

Climatic conditions changed, the geologists tell us. They are ever changing, slowly, ceaselessly, inexorably.

We can observe their change today. The Sahara desert, that great stretch of wind-blown sand in the heart of the African continent, is pushing southward, extending the limit of arid waste and forcing the natives to leave the dried-up water holes and seek new and greener homes. In southern Africa the Kalahari desert is becoming larger, and extensive irrigation schemes are being considered for drought-stricken areas.

Coming closer to home, we find climatic changes taking place along the Pacific coast. Zoologists have found many forms of tropical and semi-tropical life in northern waters, far from their natural habitat. Volcanic upheavals in the ocean bed have changed the direction of ocean currents, we are told. Travelling northward, there warm currents have brought many new denizens of the sea to northern waters.

How these changes will affect Canada, we do not know. They may mean a raising or lowering of the average mean temperature for certain areas, or a shift in the rainfall distribution. Or they may mean nothing at all.

Climatic changes are not to be argued with. Man must adapt himself to them or, like the monster dinosaur of pre-historic times, he will perish.

Hum-m!

Two Englishmen were on the moors when a small animal darted across their path.

"It looks like a weasel," said one.

"More like a stoat," commented the other.

"But a stoat is so weaselly, distinguished," said the first.

"Quite so," replied the second, "but a weasel is stoatally different."

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THE HUMAN SPHINX

By **Ellis Parker Butler**

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FOURTH INSTALMENT

Simon Judd, amateur detective, and Wm. Dent, an undertaker, are visiting John Drane, eccentric man of wealth, at the Drane home. Suddenly the household is shocked to find that John Drane has been murdered. The dead man is first seen by Josie the maid, then by Amy Drane and Simon Judd. The latter faints. The police are called; also Dr. Blessington. Now go on with the story.

It was Dr. Blessington entering the house. He came up the stairs, a small black case in his hand. "In here?" he said, and entered John Drane's room. Below, the second officer was telephoning headquarters. "Ah, good morning officer," he said to the man in John Drane's room. "Murder, is it? Too bad! This sort of thing is getting altogether too common. You might ask these folks to go downstairs. We'll just close this door."

"And all of you hang around down there, see?" said the officer. "There will be questions to be asked." "Come! We'll go down," said Simon Judd, and as Amy Drane came from the room where the maid Josie lay, he stood back to make way for her. "She doin' all right?" he asked. "That's good. The cop wants us to go down and wait; the doctor's in there."

They went down. The servants

went into the dining room off the hall and waited there, and Simon Judd and Amy went onto the veranda, saying nothing, now and again wiping her eyes and when the doctor came down the stairs did not arise. She held her handkerchief over her quivering mouth.

Dr. Blessington came out onto the veranda and set down his black case. His face was drawn into serious lines and he was frowning.

"You are Mr. Drane's niece—his grand-niece, I believe?" he said. "And this gentleman?"

"Why, I'm just a feller that knew John when he was a boy," explained Simon Judd. "Him and me used to play together, back in Riverbank, Iowa, long before he ever came East—sixty years ago, anyway. I'm east on a sort of business and I telephoned old John yesterday, just for old time's sake, and he says to come over and see him a day or two."

"How long is it since you saw him last, before yesterday?" Dr. Blessington asked.

"Thirty-five years," said Simon Judd.

"That is a long time; he is greatly changed since then, isn't he?"

"Well, yes," Simon Judd admitted. "Yes, John had changed quite a bit. Just as bony as ever, and so on, but a lot older."

"Would you have known him if you had not known he was John Drane? Would you have recognized him, for example, if you had met him on the street by chance?"

Simon Judd rubbed the back of his head thoughtfully.

"Now, that's a hard one, doc!" he said at length. "I might have, and I might not have. Maybe not. It's been so long since I saw John last. Why, what are you getting at anyway?"

Dr. Blessington turned to Amy. "I wanted to tell you this myself, Miss Drane," he said, "for I know it will be a shock to you. The man up there in the bed, the murdered man, the man we have known as John Drane, is not a man at all. He is a woman!"

The announcement of Dr. Blessington that the body of the murdered person above stairs was the body of a woman and not of a man did not shock Amy Drane as much as cause her amazement. The shock had come when she faced the blood-stained body of her supposed uncle John and her mind was still so dulled by that shock that she did not immediately grasp what the doctor was telling her.

"A woman? Uncle John was a woman?" she repeated gropingly. "But that—that couldn't be, you know. Why, he's always been a man. I don't know what you mean, doctor."

"The murdered person in the bed upstairs there," the doctor said, "is—or was—a woman. I am merely stating the fact. I thought you should know it immediately as you are, I understand, the only relative here."

"I don't understand it," Amy said. "Why, it's dreadful, isn't it! Oh, it is horrible! It's like some frightful nightmare! It doesn't seem as if it could be true, any of it."

"It is only too true," the doctor said. He looked at the girl with keen professional eyes. "You don't feel that this is too much for you? The shock and the strain must be considerable, but you seem a normal sort of person. What I mean exactly is that if you feel too nervous over this I can give you a simple bromide until your nerves recover from the shock."

"No, thank you," she said. "I think I'll be all right."

"Are you going to be here awhile?" he asked Simon Judd. "I suppose you will," he added with a slight smile, "considering the circumstances and that the police will have to be finding a murderer. Just keep an eye on this young lady, will you? I'll leave my card; it has my telephone number. If she seems to be about to flop, just send for me. Not," he added, "that I think you'll have to. Have you anyone, by the way," he asked Amy, "who could stay here with you a few days? I suggest that you go elsewhere, but I have a notion the police will want you here, until they've done some questioning, at least."

"I'm not afraid to stay here, I think," Amy said. "No, Mr. Judd will be here; I'll not be afraid. I'll have Mr. Carter stay here during the days."

"That's Bob Carter?" the doctor asked.

"Yes, He's—we're great friends. I expect him to come this morning."

"You've not had breakfast yet?"

"No; I was waiting for it when—when I heard Josie the maid scream."

"Well, my prescription for you is that you go in now and eat a good breakfast. That will help you more than anything I could give you. And as for the things to be attended to in such cases as this, you may leave them to me. What is your name?" he asked Simon Judd, and Judd told him. "Mr. Judd, I'm sure will act for you as far as necessary. There can be no funeral," he added, to Simon Judd, "until the law has gone thru its formalities. However, I might just speak to you a moment or two."

Amy, as she had been advised, entered the house to try to eat a breakfast, and Dr. Blessington led Simon Judd to the far end of the veranda.

"The funeral arrangements can all be attended to later," he said. "It was not that I wanted to speak about. As soon as possible I will get a proper death certificate, and I suppose William Dart is the man Miss Drane will want to have. He is an old friend of Drane's—of the dead person; one of the few close friends the dead man—woman, had, I think."

"Hold on, now!" Simon Judd said. "Wait a minute now! Is that the little feller with the beard that was here yesterday?"

"I don't know that he was here—"

"Dart—William Dart—that's the name. Old feller, about seventy years old, or so, ain't he. All dressed in black. That the man?"

"You have described him."

"Well, black my cats!" Simon Judd exclaimed. "I was tryin' to think what that feller looked like, and all I could think of was undertaker. And he is one, is he? Well, now, maybe we won't want him after all. I don't know but what maybe he's mixed up in this some way, doc. I don't want to keep trade away from any friend of John's—or whoever it is up there—but you might give me the name of another funeral man while you're about it."

"Later, if necessary," the doctor said. "There will be ample time. What I wanted to urge was that you keep your eye on this girl. I don't want to alarm you needlessly, but until we know more about this affair it is best to try to be safe. What I mean is that we don't know yet that this murder is not the work of a maniac; perhaps a maniac here in this house. If one murder has been done another may be attempted, you see? Probably there is nothing in the idea, but keep an eye on Miss Drane. Don't let her be another victim, Judd."

(continued next week)

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LOCAL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Schafer, of Tudor, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morrison, parents of Mrs. Schafer.

The Bow Valley Teachers Association will hold a meeting, banquet, and dance in Gleichen on Saturday, Feb. 10.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. McCaffrey, of Brooks, at the Bassano Hospital on Jan. 5.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Evans, of Gem, on Jan. 7 at the Bassano Hospital.

Miss Winnifred Playfair was home from Calgary for the week-end.

Mayor H. O. Bredin returned on Tuesday from Winnipeg where he has been visiting since Christmas with his sister.

The local Sunshine society distributed 20 parcels of cheer at Christmas time. The society appreciates the support given by local people who contributed to this good cause.

Mrs. Geo. Morrison was visiting in Tudor with her daughter for a day early this week.

WARM WEATHER HALTS CURLING

The mild weather of the past week has stopped all curling games. With the temperature above freezing during the day the curling sheets have been covered with water every night, making play impossible.

BOWLING

Walter Hermanson hung up a 72 in men's Canadian five pins for the highest score so far this week at Foster's bowling alleys. Some of the bowlers are out to beat this and win the weekly prize.

LEGISLATURE OPENS FEB. 8

The fourth session of the seventh legislature of Alberta will open on Thursday, Feb. 8, it is announced.

LATHOM NEWS

LATHOM, Jan. 10—Miss Rosalie Salmord entertained a number of the young people at the home of Mrs. Wurster Tuesday evening. Games and dancing were enjoyed by all.

Mrs. L. Luciak and daughter returned to Cassils Friday after spending the past two weeks visiting with friends here.

Ted Schaal and Earl Shoonover of Cassils, were visitors at the Salmord home Friday.

Quite a crowd from Lathom attended the Countess dance Friday night. All report a good time.

Harry Ross and Stuart Wurster were visitors at the Geo. Snaith home Monday evening.

H. A. Ross and R. Z. Lore motored to Calgary Monday.

The Lathom Community Club is having a dance Friday, Jan. 12.

The annual school meeting will be held Saturday to elect officers for the coming year.

Glenn Stafford, George Salmord, Misses Martha and Ida Salmord, were visitors to Cassils Sunday.

Mrs. D. Woycenko spent Sunday with Mrs. L. Luciak at Cassils.

The Lathom Community Club met at the home of Mrs. H. Mott, with six members and three visitors present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Powell, on January 18.

A. Freeman was a Calgary visitor on Monday.

Miss Mildred Wurster spent Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Geo. Snaith.

Dave Lore was a Calgary visitor Monday.

A special meeting was held by the U.F.A. in Lathom Hall Tuesday for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

THE PICTURES

"The Last Trail," a Zane Grey story of the old west, is the headline featured at the Orpheum Theatre Friday and Saturday of this week. Zane Grey knows his west, and he tells a thrilling tale of strong men, glorious deeds, and loving women. Geo. O'Brien plays the leading role.

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